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SUBJ: MURDER OF LEFTIST STUDENTS PROTESTED

1. MARCH 23, TWO, REPORTEDLY LEFT WING STUDENTS FROM THE ADANA ENGINEERING FACULTY WERE SHOT DOWN AND KILLED WHILE WAITING FOR A BUS. MARCH 24, LARGE GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE BEGAN TO GATHER AT THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL (WHERE THE BODIES WERE). CLOSED COFFINS WERE THEN BORNE INTO DOWNTOWN ADANA (PAST THE CONSULATE) BY A VOCAL BUT DISCIPLINED PROCESSION OF AT LEAST 10,000 YOUTH.

2. THE PROCESSION, WHICH REQUIRED SOME 22 MINUTES TO FILE BY AND WHICH MOVED IN LOOSE RANKS OF SOME 10 ABREAST, BORE SIGNS AND AND CHANTED SLOGANS SUCH AS: "DOWN WITH FASCISM," "FASCIST

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TURKES," AND "DEATH TO FASCISM, FREEDOM TO THE PEOPLE." ON FOUR OCCASIONS, PASSING GROUPS SHOUTED ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS SUCH AS: "DOWN WITH AMERICANS," "AMERICANS BE GONE*"

3. A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE PROCESSION, A MEMBER OF A GROUP OF SOME 100 YOUTH WALKING PAST CONSULATE IN DIRECTION OF ASSEMBLY POINT THREW A ROCK AT OUR WINDOWS CAUSING NO DAMAGE. GROUP UNCLASSIFIED

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PASSED ON IMMEDIATELY.

4. WHILE ADEQUATE POLICE PROTECTION WAS PROVIDED THROUGHOUT, WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH RIOT POLICE CHIEF REGARDING PERIODIC DISPLAY OF NON-ALERTNESS BY GUARDS. POLICE AUTHORITIES, ON THEIR PART, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT AMERICANS SHOULD BE CIRCUMSPECT THESE DAYS FOR EXAMPLE AVOID MAJOR STUDENT GATHERING PLACES SUCH AS ADANA'S ATATURK PARK.

5. COMMENT: INFORMATION IN THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PASSED
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